

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to cancel the multiple dependencies in the original claims. Further, subject matter of the canceled multiple dependencies is now set forth in new dependent claims 10-14. Thereby, the claim amendments are not believed to narrow the claims in any aspect.

The present response also sets forth new independent claim 15 for examination, which is believed to be self-evident from the original disclosure and thus not raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

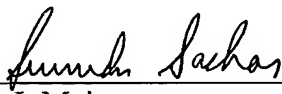
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